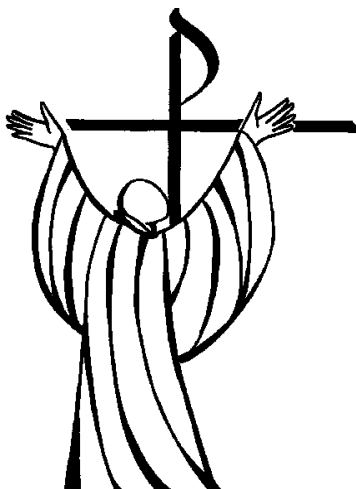




FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,  
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM  
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.  
*EPH 2:8-9*

**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**



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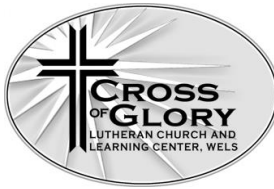
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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

**Restrooms:** The women's and men's restrooms are located in the Gathering Room (lobby) of the church. There are additional restrooms located in the Fellowship Hall.

**Cry Room:** We do not mind a fussy child or an instructing parent. But for parents who would like a quiet place to be with their child, we have a cry room with a one-way window into the sanctuary. The entrance is located in the Gathering Room. The worship audio can be heard in this room.

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a special prayer you would like included in today's Prayer of the Church, please fill out the prayer request form on the small table in the Gathering Room.



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## ORDER OF SERVICE: SERVICE OF THE WORD

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OPENING HYMN.....**Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening (CW #283)**

*STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

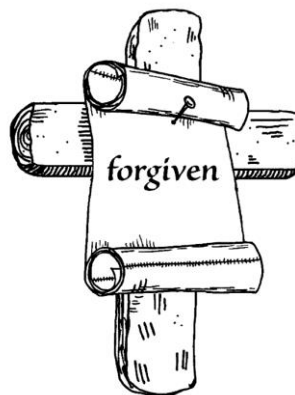
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**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

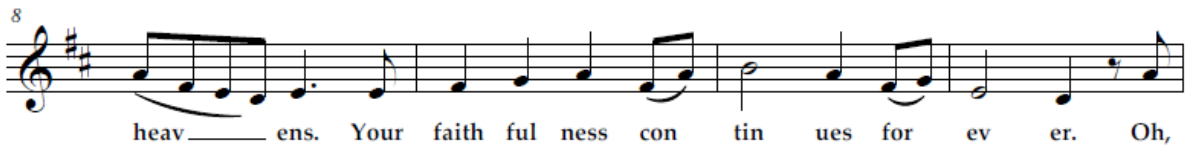
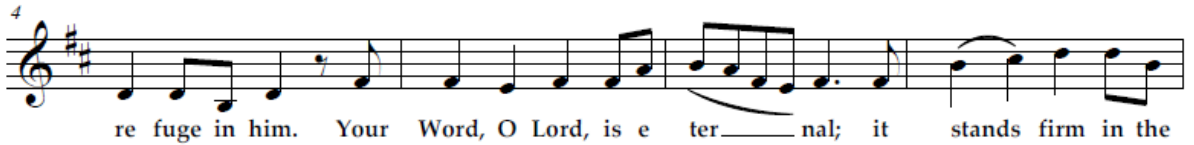
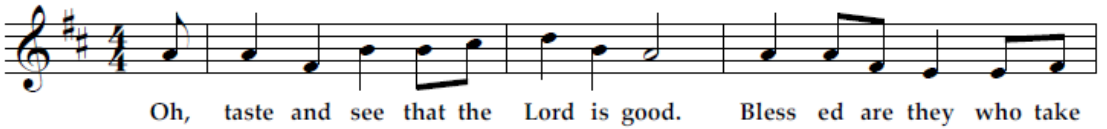


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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

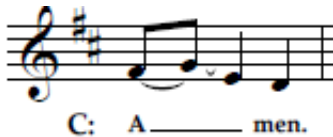


*Praise  
the  
Lord*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

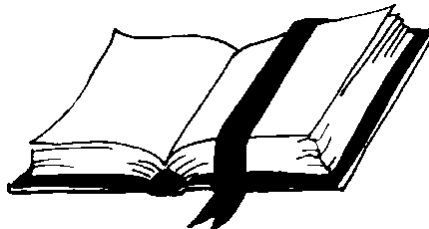


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## THE WORD OF GOD

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON.....Jeremiah 1:4-10

*The word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup> "Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."*

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 78



**M:** O my people, hear my 'teaching; \*

**C:** listen to the words 'of my mouth.

**M:** I will utter things 'from of old, \*

**C:** what we have heard and what our fathers have 'told us.

**M:** We will not hide them from our 'children; \*

**C:** we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds 'of the LORD.

**Refrain**

**M:** The LORD decreed statutes for 'Jacob \*

**C:** and established the law in 'Israel,

**M:** so the next generation would 'know them, \*

**C:** and they in turn would tell their 'children.

**M:** Then they would put their 'trust in God \*

**C:** and would not forget his deeds but would keep 'his commands.

**C:** Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son \*

and to the Holy 'Spirit,

as it was in the be'ginning, \*

is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

**Refrain**

## SECOND LESSON.....Romans 10:18-11:6

*But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."<sup>19</sup> Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, "I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding."<sup>20</sup> And Isaiah boldly says, "I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me."<sup>21</sup> But concerning Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people." I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin.<sup>2</sup> God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah-- how he appealed to God against Israel:<sup>3</sup> "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"?<sup>4</sup> And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal."<sup>5</sup> So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.<sup>6</sup> And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.*

### THE VERSE OF THE DAY



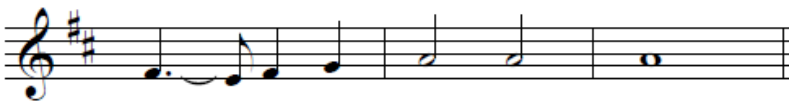
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## GOSPEL.....Luke 4:20-32

*Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him,<sup>21</sup> and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"<sup>24</sup> "I tell you the truth," he*

continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup> And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed-- only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way. <sup>31</sup> Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. <sup>32</sup> They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

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**HYMN OF THE DAY.....Speak, O Lord (CWS #735)**

**SERMON.....Jeremiah 1:4-10**

**Theme: “The Lord's 'No Fear' Evangelism Method”**

STAND

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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# THANKSGIVING

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## OFFERING

*The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

STAND

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**
- M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**
- M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C:** **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**
- M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C:** **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

- M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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**HYMN** .....**There Is a Balm in Gilead (CW #564)**

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## CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

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**M:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

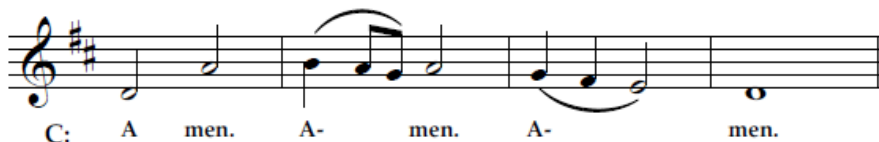


**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



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**CLOSING HYMN**.....**Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give (CW #542)**

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MEASURE OF LOVE**

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: 39; Communion: 24.  
Offerings to the Lord: General Fund - \$2061; Evangelism - \$25.

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Monday (2/1):	Pastor Hahm at Circuit Meeting at Saving Grace, Mobile, AL
Tuesday (2/2):	6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee
Thursday (2/4):	6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Sunday (2/7):	9:15 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

## **EVANGELISM MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND**



The evangelism committee will be meeting on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We'll be discussing our upcoming outreach events and future outreach strategy. All are invited to come and share ideas.

## **CROSS OF GLORY BOOK CLUB - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH**



The Cross of Glory Book Club will be having its first meeting of the year at the Hahms' house on Saturday, February 13th starting at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing the book "Miracle in the Andes" by Nando Parrado. All are welcome. If you plan on attending, please speak with Heather Hahm or email her at [heatherhahm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heatherhahm@sbcglobal.net).